

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Facilities
Monday, November 22, 2021
4:00 PM***

*You are invited to a Zoom webinar:
When: Nov 22, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: School Committee Facilities Subcommittee Meeting*

*Register in advance for this webinar:
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Open Meeting (J. Thielman)

Public Participation

Playground Updates

Space Considerations at Stratton School

Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:

**Approval of Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2021*

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Jeff Thielman

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▢	Reference Material	2021-22_ENROLLMENT_REPORTS_- _StrattonSections_(1)_(1).pdf	Enrollment Report

PROJECTION SCENARIOS: Stratton Elementary 2021-2026																
DI - Moderate																
	2021-22	Sec	Ave	2022-23	Sec	Ave	2023-24	Sec	Ave	2024-25	Sec	Ave	2025-26	Sec	Ave	
OK	73	3	24.3	73	3	24.3	74	3	24.7	76	4	19.0	76	4	19.0	
1	81	4	20.3	76	4	19.0	76	4	19.0	79	4	19.8	79	4	19.8	
2	86	4	21.5	81	4	20.3	76	4	19.0	78	4	19.5	79	4	19.8	
3	86	4	21.5	88	4	22.0	83	4	20.8	80	4	20.0	79	4	19.8	
4	78	4	19.5	85	4	21.3	88	4	22.0	85	4	21.3	80	4	20.0	
5	68	3	22.7	78	4	19.5	85	4	21.3	89	4	22.3	85	4	21.3	
TOTAL	472	22		481	23		482	23		487	24		478	24		
DI - Conservative																
	2021-22	Sec	Ave	2022-23	Sec	Ave	2023-24	Sec	Ave	2024-25	Sec	Ave	2025-26	Sec	Ave	
OK	71	3	23.7	70	3	23.3	69	3	23.0	71	3	23.7	71	3	23.7	
1	83	4	20.8	74	3	24.7	73	3	24.3	73	3	24.3	75	3	25.0	
2	86	4	21.5	83	4	20.8	74	3	24.7	74	3	24.7	75	3	25.0	
3	85	4	21.3	88	4	22.0	85	4	21.3	77	4	19.3	76	4	19.0	
4	80	4	20.0	83	4	20.8	86	4	21.5	84	4	21.0	77	4	19.3	
5	70	3	23.3	81	4	20.3	84	4	21.0	87	4	21.8	85	4	21.3	
TOTAL	475	22		479	22		471	21		466	21		459	21		
MM - FY20 Weighted Average																
	2021-22	Sec	Ave	2022-23	Sec	Ave	2023-24	Sec	Ave	2024-25	Sec	Ave	2025-26	Sec	Ave	
OK	83	4	20.8	88	4	22.0	92	4	23.0	91	4	22.8	91	4	22.8	
1	68	4	17.0	83	4	20.8	88	4	22.0	92	4	23.0	91	4	22.8	
2	85	4	21.3	67	3	22.3	82	4	20.5	87	4	21.8	91	4	22.8	
3	76	4	19.0	84	4	21.0	66	3	22.0	81	4	20.3	86	4	21.5	
4	74	3	24.7	77	4	19.3	85	4	21.3	66	3	22.0	82	4	20.5	
5	67	3	22.3	74	3	24.7	77	4	19.3	85	4	21.3	66	3	22.0	
TOTAL	453	22		473	22		490	23		502	23		507	23		

MM - FY22 Weighted Average															
	2021-22	Sec	Ave	2022-23	Sec	Ave	2023-24	Sec	Ave	2024-25	Sec	Ave	2025-26	Sec	Ave
OK	83	4	20.8	81	4	20.3	92	4	23.0	91	4	22.8	91	4	22.8
1	68	4	17.0	83	4	20.8	81	4	20.3	92	4	23.0	91	4	22.8
2	85	4	21.3	65	3	21.7	82	4	20.5	80	4	20.0	91	4	22.8
3	76	4	19.0	83	4	20.8	64	3	21.3	81	4	20.3	79	4	19.8
4	74	3	24.7	75	4	18.8	84	4	21.0	64	3	21.3	82	4	20.5
5	67	3	22.3	73	3	24.3	75	4	18.8	84	4	21.0	64	3	21.3
TOTAL	453	22		460	22		478	23		492	23		498	23	



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Consent Agenda

Summary:

*Approval of Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2021

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Type	File Name	Description
▢ Minutes	Facilities_Subcommittee_minutes_(9.15.21).pdf	Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, 9-15-2021

Arlington School Committee
Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, September 15, 2021

-DRAFT Minutes-

Attendance

Subcommittee members: Jeff Thielman (Chair), Kirsi Allison-Ampe, M.D., Elizabeth Exton

District administration: Dr. Elizabeth Homan (Superintendent), Greg Walters (Facilities Director), Michael Mason (CFO)

Other Attendees William Hayner (Chair, Arlington School Committee), Jane Morgan (Member, Arlington School Committee), Kate Leary (member, Permanent Town Building Committee, Town Meeting Member)

Mr. Thielman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Playground Updates

The subcommittee noted that the Hardy playground has opened and looks great. The discussion then turned to some of the challenges facing playground maintenance at Arlington's elementary schools:

- Our approach is very reactive. When something is broken, we try to fix it.
- We do not appear to have a schedule for playground replacements and improvements, at least for those playgrounds that are on APS property.
- There is some confusion as to which playgrounds APS oversees and which ones the Park & Recreation Department oversees.
- Kate Leary spoke and said that it is important that a study is done of the playgrounds and that there is a process to solicit public input.
- Dr. Homan commented that input from students is important in order to ensure that the playgrounds meet their needs.
- Dr. Allison-Ampe said that determining which areas are owned and managed by APS and which are not is not always clear. She said once we have this information, it can be included in the budget book.

At the conclusion of the conclusion, Dr. Homan outlined next steps:

- She would like to determine what repairs we can accelerate at our playgrounds.
- Make a final determination of which playgrounds are owned and operated by Parks and Recreation, and which are owned and operated by APS.

- Complete a safety audit of all playgrounds used by students of APS.

(Following the meeting, Jane Morgan shared a report from Playground Inspections of New England in 2019 on Arlington's playgrounds and a Field and Playground Feasibility Study prepared for the Town in March of 2021 by Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture, P.C.)

Update on an evaluation of the Ottoson Middle School facilities

Mr. Mason reported that this fall he plans to review different options for evaluating the Ottoson Middle School site. Dr. Allison-Ampe noted that in 2013 APS began the process that led to the rebuild of Arlington High School by contracting with On-Site Insight Building Systems to analyze the facilities at AHS. The report formed the basis of the Statement of Interest APS submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in 2014 and again in 2015. The 2015 SOI was accepted, and in 2016, Arlington began the engagement with the MSBA, which has led to the building of a new AHS.

Dr. Allison-Ampe said that in 2009-12, the district appeared to be under the impression that a town had to wait to finish an MSBA-funded project before applying for another one. However, we noticed that several communities were applying while they were completing new schools with funding from the MSBA. She urged the district to be proactive.

Mr. Mason said that he was reviewing the On-Site Insight report, would look at whether we are required to request proposals from multiple companies, and then let the committee know the status of the project.

Dr. Homan said that evaluating OMS' facilities, seeing what an inspection reveals, and then deciding whether to begin conversations with the MSBA regarding Ottoson was part of this year's work plan for the administrative team. She will keep the School Committee informed as the research proceeds.

Gibbs Flooding Update

Greg Walters that the recent flood was an unusual event, something that the school has not experienced since reopening as an APS school three years ago. He and his staff are monitoring the facility and evaluating options for mitigating any future flooding.

Motion to Adjourn

At 4:01 p.m., Dr. Allison-Ampe moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Exton. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.



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Adjournment



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